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FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

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AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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ABIDJAN FOR RSO

NAIROBI FOR RSS AND COMMANDING OFFICER, MSG COMPANY

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF MARINE SECURITY GUARDS, NOUAKCHOTT

REF: (A) STATE 43831, (B) ABIDJAN 1399

1. MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT (GIRM) HAS FORMALLY AGREED TO EMBASSY REQUEST TO ESTABLISH MARINE GUARD DETACHMENT IN NOUAKCHOTT. GIRM HAS AGREED THAT MSG WOULD BE EMBASSFHXPPLFF MEMBRYAF EZINJGED JO THE SAME PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF OTHER STAFF MEMBERS, THAT MSG WOULD BE ARMED AND IN UNIFORM. DETACHMENT WOULD CONSIST OF FIVE WATCHSTANDERS

AND ONE NCOIC.

2. TARGET DATE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MSG IN NOUAKCHOTT IS SEPTEMBER 1, 1978. PRIOR TO THIS DATE THE FOLLOWING MUST BE PERFORMED:

A. LEASING LIVING AND RECREATIONAL SPACES.

EMBASSY IS NEGOTIATING AT THIS TIME FOR UNFINISHED THREE BUILDING COMPLEX WHICH APPEARS TO BE WELL SUITED. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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BUILDING TO BE USED AS MARINE HOUSE HAS PARTIALLY FINISHED GROUND FLOOR WHICH PROVIDES LARGE LIVING ROOM, DINING ROOM, THREE BEDROOMS, TWO BATHROOMS, AND LARGE KITCHEN, THE SECOND FLOOR IS NOT YET CONSTRUCTED, AND LANDLORD HAS INDICATED THAT HE WOULD FOPWMV EMBASSY SUPPLIED BLUEPRINTS, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL THREE BEDROOMS, TWO ELHROOMS, DAY ROOM AND PANTRY.

COMPLEX WOULD BE EQUIPED WITH SWIMING POOL AND LARGE GARDEN SPACE, FULLY WALLED. THE LEASE WOULD ALSO PROVIDE SEPARATE LIVING QUARTERS FOR NCOIC, AND TWO TRANSIT APARTMENTS TO BE USED BY USG TDY PSEBQ RENT IS ESTIMATED AT DOLS& ABONPPP A YEAR (FYI SINGLE DWELLING UNITS NOW LEASING IN NOUAKCHOTT FOR DOLS. 16,000 A YEAR). EMBASSY WILL REPORT ONPROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH LANDLORD, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST DEPARTMENT COMMENTS ON THIS PROSPECTIVE COMPLEX.

B. FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS AND APPLIANCES FOR MARINE HOUSE AND NCOIC QUARTERS, ALL APPLIANCES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM WACASC, AT COST DOLS. 15,500. PROCUREMENT FOR THE REQUIRED ITEMS SHOULD BE DONE NO LATER THAN MAY 1, FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS FOR FIVE WATCHSTANDERS AND NCOIC SHOULD BE OBTAINED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT TO INSURE PROMPT RECEIPT. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE FURNITURE FOR LIVING ROOM, DINING ROOM, SIX BEDROOMS, DAY ROOM, AS WELL AS THREE BEDROOM SET FOR NCOIC. ALL FURNITURE SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH CARPETS. DRAPERY COSTS WILL BE SUBJECT OF AN INCREASE/DECREASE REQUEST, ALONG WITH FUNDS FOR APPLIANCES LISTED ABOVE AND GREEN BAND CHINA, UPON RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT APPROVAL OF EMBASSY PROPOSAL.

C. CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSION OF EMBASSY LOBBY, DURING RSO VISIT VARIOUS DESIGNS WERE DISCUSSED, AND A REQUEST FOR MINOR IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO A/FBO WHEN COMPLETED. REQUEST A/SY/OPS/FO/MSG AND AF/EX PROVIDE FULL SUPPORT FOR SPEEDY APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION UNCLASSIFIED

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REQUEST. THE ADDITIONAL SPACE WILL PROVIDE AN ENTRANCE LOBBY, MSG OFFICE, WATCHSTANDER AREA AND CONTROLLED-ACCESS DOORWAYHO COMPLY WITHETATE A-4779 (NOV 29, 1977).

D. VEHICLE FOR MSG. POST IS STANDARDIZED ON CHEVROLET, AND SEVERAL CHEVY SUBURBANS ARE BEING PROCURED BY USAID. TO INSURE ADEQUACY

OF MAINTENANCE, REQUEST LIGHT COLORED CHEVY SUBURBAN BE PROCURED AND SHIPPED TO NOUAKCHOTT FOR MSG USE.

E. E AND E COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND CCTV SUBJECT SEPTEL.

4. PERSONAL COMMENTS FROM AMBASSADOR:

AS STRESSED IN MY JAN 12 LETTER TO DASS DIKEOS, FRENCH AT THE 2/2 LEVEL IS ESSENTIAL, THOUR OF DUTY FOR WATCHSTANDERS SHOULD BE SET AT TWELVE MONTHS, ALTHOUGH AS INDICATED IN MY LETTER I WOULD NOT BE AVERSE TO SHORTER TOUR BASED ON REGULAR ROTATION SYSTEM WITH LARGER NEAREAST POSTS, SUCH AS DAKAR AND ABIDJAN. TOUR OF DUTY FOR NCOIC SHOULD

BE 18 MONTHS IF SINGLE, TWO YEARS IF MARRIED. A MARRIED NCOIC WOULD PROBABLY BE PREFERABLE FROM BOTH HIS AND OUR POINT OF VIEW, BUT WE

SHOULDBE CONSULTED BEFORE ANYONE WITH SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN IS ASSIGNED.

5. FOR DEPARTMENT: REQUEST

- A. FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DETACHMENT
- B. EXPEDITIOUS SELECTION AND TRAINING OF PERSONNEL
- C. APPROVAL AND/OR COMMENTS ON STEPS TAKEN THUS FAR
- D. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

6. FOR ABIDJAN: REQUEST THATYOU COME PREPARED TO ASSIST US IN
ESTABLISHING DETACHMENT HERE ON YOUR NEXT REGULAR VISIT AND WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY VMMMENTS AND ADVICE.

7. FOR NAIROBI: PLEASE ADVISE WHEN YOU CAN VISIT TO REVIEW ADEQUACY
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OF QUARTERS AND ADVISE ON OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO ESTABLISHMENT
OF NEW MSG DETACHMENT.

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